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1. US objectives in Palestine situation--The Department of State has informed the US delegation to the UN that the basic US objectives in the Palestine situation are: (a) an extension of the truce; (b) a negotiated final settlement; and (c) continuance of concerted action with the UK to the maximum extent consistent with US policy. Concerning possible Security Council action, the Department prefers an SC resolution ordering the parties to accept a truce under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, because of present indications that some action of this kind will be required to force Arab reconsideration.

2. British views on Palestine settlement--US Ambassador Douglas in London reports that the present British objectives in Palestine are: (a) to end the hostilities on conditions which will ensure as far as possible that the fighting will not be resumed; and (b) to work out by peaceful means a settlement approximating that proposed by Count Bernadotte but avoiding the idea of political union between Jewish and Arab states, which would be fatal to Arab acceptance. According to Douglas, UK Foreign Secretary Bevin regards as most crucial the fact that both King Abdullah and an intermediary of the King of Egypt have expressed fear lest the Security Council threaten the Arabs with sanctions. The UK Foreign Office consequently favors adoption of an SC resolution threatening sanctions but considers it essential that the resolution be so phrased as to diminish British influence over the Arab governments as little as possible.

Douglas also transmits a Foreign Office report that an intermediary for King Farouk of Egypt has declared that all the Arab states desire some means of stopping hostilities which would at the same time permit them to save face.

3. US to recognize Korean national government--The Department of State has informed US missions abroad that the US contemplates the issuance of a statement soon after the formation of the new

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government in south Korea declaring that the US regards the new government as 'the national government of Korea as envisaged by the General Assembly resolutions.' The Department also contemplates announcing in this statement that the US intends to send a special representative to Korea to negotiate with the new government. The Department feels that any action by the UN Korean Commission, its member states, or the US which would imply a disavowal of the new Korean government would seriously jeopardize the very considerable progress that has been made in restoring freedom and independence to the Korean people.

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